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## Province announces back-to-school plans, reopening of daycare

SUE TIFFIN

Staff Reporter

When the school bell rings in September, students in Haliburton County will be able to head back full time.

After weeks of parents fretting, going over three options the provincial government had recommended for public schools – full-time learning, distance learning, or a hybrid of the two – on July 30 the province announced back-to-school plans for this September.

Under the plan, local schools would join other public schools in the province in reopening Sept. 8, and elementary and high school students in Haliburton County can attend five days a week.

"Elementary schools (kindergarten to Grade 8) will reopen province-wide, with in-class instruction five days a week," reads a press release from the provincial government. "Secondary schools with lower risk will reopen with a normal daily schedule, five days a week, while most secondary schools will start the school year in an adapted model of part-time attendance with class cohorts of up to 15 students alternating between

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### More businesses reopen in county

Haliburton's Thrift Warehouse was recently reopened to the public after being closed due to COVID-19 precautions. When it was reopened the location was reorganized and now resembles a conventional retail outlet. The funds generated through the sales made at the warehouse are put back into the community through SIRCH programming. See our story on page 8 about SIRCH's annual general meeting. /DARREN LUM Staff

## Dysart draws small deficit amid pandemic

CHAD INGRAM

Staff Reporter

Dysart et al has accrued a small deficit amid the COVID-19 crisis, a mid-year review from the municipality's treasurer shows.

Dysart councillors received that report during their July 24 meeting, which took place with councillors participating remotely via online conferencing platform Zoom and was broadcast to the public via YouTube.

The report from treasurer Barbara Swannell showed how revenues in various department areas were either up or

down as a result of the pandemic, and contained recommendations for deferring some projects, re-budgeting them for 2021. Everything considered, the report includes a projected deficit of just more than \$18,300 for 2020.

The biggest financial hit is at the A.J.

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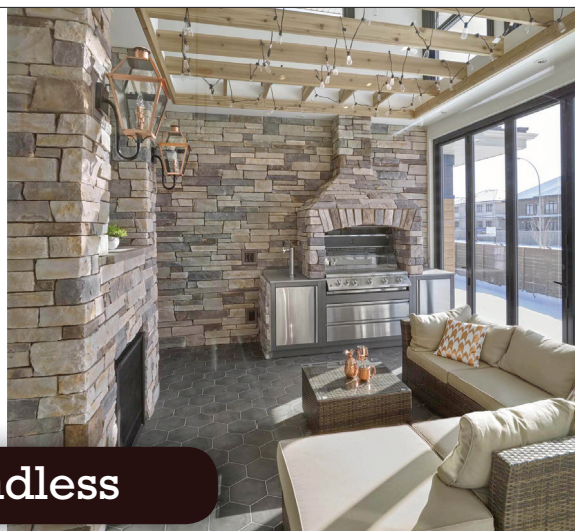


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# Teachers' union advocates for physical distancing

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attending in-person and online. Students from Grade 4 to 12 and school staff will be required to wear masks. Masks for students in younger grades will be optional.

"It's been hard on families to balance work and child care, while kids have been separated from friends and other kids their own age," said Premier Doug Ford in the press release. "We want to get our kids back to school, but it has to be done safely. That's why we've worked with our public health experts, Ontario Health and the medical experts at SickKids to develop a plan that ensures students can return to the classroom five days a week in a way that protects the health and safety of our children, teachers, and school staff."

According to the press release, "Parents will continue to have the option to enroll their children in remote delivery, which respects their fundamental role in making the final determination of whether they feel safe with their children returning to school." The provincial government also announced it will spend \$300 million on additional public health protocols including:

- \$60 million in procurement of medical and cloth masks for students and staff, with direction to boards to ensure that students who cannot afford a mask are provided one;
- \$30 million for teacher staffing to support supervision, keeping classes small and other safety related measures;
- \$50 million to hire up to 500 additional school-focused nurses in public health units to provide rapid-response support to schools and boards in facilitating public health and preventative measures, including screening, testing, tracing and mitigation strategies;
- Over \$23 million to provide testing capacity to help keep schools safe;
- \$75 million in funding to hire over 900 additional custodians and purchase cleaning supplies for schools;
- \$40 million to clean school buses, to ensure that students are in a thoroughly cleaned transportation environment;
- \$10 million for health and safety training for occasional teachers, who have historically not been covered by professional development that is offered to permanent teachers;
- \$10 million to support special needs students in the classroom; and
- \$10 million to support student mental health.

"This funding is in addition to a \$25 million investment in mental health and technology, which will see an additional \$10 million dedicated to mental health staff, resources, and programs, as well as \$15 million in technology funding to support the procurement of over 35,000 devices for Ontario's students to support their synchronous learning in-school and beyond," reads the press release.

Ford was joined by Christine Elliott, deputy premier and minister of health; Stephen Lecce, minister of edu-



Minister of Education Stephen Lecce announces his government's back-to-school plan during a press conference on July 30. /Photo supplied

cation; and Dr. Barbara Yaffe, associate chief medical officer of health for the announcement.

"This plan reflects the best medical and scientific advice with a single aim: to keep your child safe," said Lecce in the press release. "While this plan will continue to evolve to respond to the changing threat of COVID-19, we will remain constant and consistent in investing in the resources, staffing, and cleaning supports, and strict health and safety protocols to keep our communities and our classrooms safe."

## TLDSB communicating with parents, students ahead of school start

Trillium Lakelands District School Board said after the announcement that "TLDSB senior administrators will be reviewing the details of the ministry's directive over the next several days and including any additional protocols into our planning."

TLDSB said all students must re-register for school, and will receive an email with a link to a form asking to pre-register for in-person and at-home learning, at which point a "program will be developed with enhanced public health protocols in place." Any changes from at-school or at-home learning choices will take time to implement once the school year has begun.

Parents will also have to register for board-provided transportation, and those who opt out will not be able to opt back in until the second semester in February.

"TLDSB schools will be ready to welcome students on September 8," reads the board's return to school webpage. "Administrators have been preparing for a return to school for several weeks with the health and well-being of our students as our main priority."

"At this point in time there are still many items to consider as we finalize our plans," reads the board website. "We are working with our local public health units to review our plans to ensure we have included the most current safe practices during a pandemic."

Each family will receive a link to a student/family re-entry guidebook in August, and a printed copy of the guidebook in September, which will provide details about returning to school during a pandemic. "Families will need to be prepared for a change in the current plan from the Ministry of Education and public health based on any emerging COVID-19 pandemic issues," reads the TLDSB site.

## ETFO says restaurants, grocery stores and gyms have more safety restrictions

The Elementary Teachers' Federation of Ontario, which represents 83,000 elementary public school teach-

ers, occasional teachers and education professionals, responded to the announcement later that afternoon, noting that "while educators want to be back with their students this fall, the government's plan for a return to school falls far short of ensuring the safety of public elementary students and educators."

"Schools are supposed to be safe places for children. This plan does not adequately address the safety of students or staff," said Sam Hammond, president of ETFO. "Restaurants, grocery stores and gyms will have more safety restrictions in place than elementary schools given the insufficient funding allocated in this plan ... The successful advocacy and organizing of parents, educators and others has forced the government to add some additional investment to the reopening of schools in September. While it's a step in the right direction, the funding to support the plan falls far short of what schools need to keep students and educators safe in September."

ETFO's press release said the teachers' union is concerned the government is not reducing elementary class sizes to allow for two-metre physical distancing, nor requiring students in kindergarten to Grade 3 to wear masks.

"Two-metre physical distancing and mask wearing have been required for indoor activities across the province. COVID-19 does not distinguish between a grocery store and a classroom, between a coffee shop or school hallways," reads the press release. "Kindergarten to Grade 3 students are more active and have less self-regulation and this will make physical distancing more difficult. That's why smaller classes and mask requirements for all students are necessary to ensure the safety and health of everyone in elementary schools."

## Chief Medical Officer of Health said school expected to be safe amid declining cases

The government's announcement came on the second consecutive day of the province reporting fewer than 100 new cases of COVID-19.

"Thank you, Ontario," tweeted Lecce just before the announcement. "Because of our collective vigilance and sacrifice to #StopTheSpread, students can safely return to school this September. Now more than ever, let's not let our guard down!"

"Based on the current data, we are seeing that overall instances of COVID-19 are declining in Ontario," said Dr. David Williams, chief medical officer of health. "When considering the health of the whole child, and as long as this trend continues, we believe that with the appropriate measures and strategies in place to handle potential outbreaks and prevent spread, schools are expected to be a safe place for Ontario's students and staff who attend in person. We will continue to closely monitor the situation to ensure the safety of students and staff and will be prepared to transition to alternative options should circumstances change."

The government had previously asked school boards to develop plans that are due to the Ministry of Education by Aug. 4. The plans were to address three models: conventional delivery, adapted instruction, and remote instruction with synchronous learning. "As the public health situation unfolds through the course of the school year, boards will continue to rely on these three models to respond nimbly and pragmatically to local public health dynamics," reads the press release.

The ministry's Learn at Home program launched March 20 after March Break when students did not return to school due to provincial emergency shelter in place orders and school closures.

Prior to the announcement, the Trillium Lakelands District School Board shared plans for a special meeting of the board, scheduled for Aug. 4 at 2 p.m., following

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## Summer traffic

Despite the COVID-19-related changes, downtown traffic in Haliburton village has stayed consistently busy through July. Outdoor patio seating for restaurants has given the area an additional air of busyness. /DARREN LUM Staff

# Funding provided for PPE

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the in-camera session. The meeting can be watched at the board's website, [www.tldsbc.ca](http://www.tldsbc.ca).

## Daycares permitted to open at full capacity Sept. 1

Also on July 30, the province announced plans to "gradually and safely reopen child care for working parents," according to a press release, noting a reopening to full capacity being possible on Sept. 1.

"We are helping more moms and dads return to work as Ontario's economy gets back on track," said Lecce in a tweet on July 30. "Starting Sept. 1, child care centres and EarlyON Child and Family Centres can open at full capacity while maintaining strict & enhanced health and safety protocols."

The government said safety procedures put in place as part of the reopening plan were still in effect, "and in some instances, strengthened, to protect children, staff and families," including

- Requiring all child care staff to wear masks at all times, effective Sept. 1;
- Ensuring frequent cleaning of child care centres;
- Screening of children and staff before entering a childcare facility;
- Maintaining attendance records for rigorous contact tracing and coordination with local public health authorities;
- Ensuring frequent hand washing and proper hand hygiene for children and staff; and
- Establishing clear and rigid case management protocols in the event a staff member or child becomes ill, or tests posi-

tive for COVID-19.

According to a press release, the province will also be providing additional funding, with support from the federal government through the Safe Restart Agreement, to help child care providers and centres purchase cleaning supplies, PPE, and support staffing needs related to new procedures.

## Province's Phase 3 in second week

Phase 3 of the province's reopening plan began July 17 and July 24 for most health unit jurisdictions in Ontario, with Toronto and Peel regions entering the stage July 31. Windsor-Essex is the only region in the province still in Phase 2. Phase 3 allows for indoor dining at restaurants, the reopening of movie theatres, playgrounds and live theatre shows and larger gatherings of people both outdoors and indoors, with physical distancing measures still in place.

As of July 31, the province has reported 39,075 positive COVID-19 cases, with 34,906 of those cases resolved. A total of 2,772 deaths have been reported, 1,793 of those deaths reported for residents in long-term care homes, and eight being health-care workers in long-term care homes. Just more than 11,000 of the cases have been reported in both the 20 to 39 age demographic and 40 to 59 age demographic, just more than 7,000 cases have been reported in the 60 to 79 age demographic, just more than 6,000 in the 80 and over age demographic, and 2,205 cases have been reported in the 19 and under age demographic.

In Haliburton County, 13 cases of COVID-19 have been reported since March, with 12 cases resolved as of press time.

# Home lost to fire on Monday night

No injuries have been reported following a fire at a residence on Autumn Lane west of Haliburton on July 27.

Upon arrival at about 8:30 p.m., firefighters found the north end of the house was engulfed in flames. They were able to control the blaze to that part of the residence, but smoke and water damage was sustained throughout the building.

All residents exited the building safely

and firefighters saved one pet. No one was injured, said fire chief Mike Iles.

The Dysart fire department sent seven trucks and 23 firefighters. They were joined by another three fire trucks and eight firefighters from Minden Hills.

Iles said Dysart firefighters returned to the station at 7:35 a.m. July 28.

Staff

# Revenues lost from no summer ice

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LaRue Arena, where the municipality has experienced \$126,000 in lost ice rental revenues. "We did not put in summer ice," Swannell said. Typically, Haliburton Hockey Haven Sports Camp rents the ice throughout the summer months. "So, that is a great loss," Swannell said. "We're being optimistic that the ice will be installed during September," she said, adding that any activities would need to adhere to provincial protocols, including smaller groups, requirements for social distancing, etc. Wages and benefits costs associated with the building have increased by \$18,700 due to additional staff for cleaning of the facility, but hydro expenses are down \$25,000, as well as contract service expenses by some \$5,000.

"It's really a goal of council to get that up and running as soon as we can, even if that means a deficit," said Mayor Andrea Roberts of the arena.

The municipality's new welcome centre, being constructed at Head Lake Park, looks to be heading about \$50,000 over its budget of \$450,000. That project is being funded largely through a provincial grant of \$375,000, and the Haliburton Rotary Club has committed up to \$75,000 toward the project.

Deputy Mayor Pat Kennedy, a member of committee overseeing the project, said if the bulk of it wasn't being funded through a grant, it would likely have been deferred. "The committee has had a real struggle with just trying to get companies to bid on contracts, never mind the best value," Kennedy said, explaining in some cases there have been lone bids for cer-

tain aspects of the projects. He also noted there's been an increase in the price of materials, including a 10 per cent jump in the cost of lumber in recent months. Chief administrative officer Tamara Wilbee also noted that the building has increased in size by some 250 square feet from its original design, and attributed much of the cost increase to that. The overrun is expected to be offset by an approximate \$25,000 decrease for staffing, contract personnel and building maintenance.

Meanwhile, expenses for council are down nearly \$10,000 since the pandemic has meant reduced travel and conference costs. The municipality is also going to see nearly \$70,000 more in property taxes than expected, and the report contains some projects that will be deferred and re-budgeted in 2021. Sidewalk construction at the intersection of York and Highland Streets, and by Haliburton Highlands Secondary School, for example, is being deferred until 2021, for a reduction of more than \$70,000.

"The province has announced COVID funding and we really don't know what that will entail, and we'll be having our eyes and ears close to the ground," Roberts said.

"We are deferring some projects, nothing very large at this point, such as the sidewalks ...," Roberts said. "They will be proposed going into our budget in 2021, so what you don't do today, sooner or later, you're going to have to do tomorrow, and you have to be careful not to let things pile up too much. Going into our 2021 budget, we'll have to be very careful going into that budget season."

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# Book club connects author with readers

SUE TIFFIN

Staff Reporter

A golden retriever might bark, and a phone ringing might be stifled under a pillow, but members of the Haliburton County Public Library's book club gather around their devices, ready for whatever outside interruptions come their way, and ready, too, for wherever the conversation that day takes them.

Today's meeting will be a bit out-of-the-ordinary – more so than it has been for the past few months when members have met online via teleconferencing program Zoom rather than in person. Alongside the fairly regular group of seven or so readers, on screen is Genevieve Graham, best-selling author of Canadian historical fiction including *Tides of Honour*, *Promises to Keep* and *The Forgotten Home Child*, which the group is gathering to discuss.

Graham has a particular interest in Canadian history, and wants to tell more of it. It was only 2017 when she learned about the corrupt British Home Children child migration system that took place between the 1860s and 1948, in which more than 115,000 British children were sent to Canada, Australia, New Zealand and South Africa, with many ultimately suffering profound abuse upon arrival. *The Forgotten Home Child* is inspired by these true tragic events.

Nancy Therrien, who is cohosting the meeting with Penni Chalk, says she isn't typically interested in history, but that the book made it "palatable." Cathy McMullen says she knew nothing about the "home children," and found it both shocking and moving, connecting to the story in part because one of the settings in the book is Peterborough, not too far from here.

"I have a different take on the book,"



Bestselling author Genevieve Graham connected with a meeting of the Minden Book Club, conversing with members of the Haliburton County Public Library's programming about her book *The Forgotten Home Child* on the afternoon of July 29. The Minden Book Club has been meeting via Zoom online, so Graham was easily able to join despite being in Nova Scotia. / Screenshot

said Jessie Geall. "I enjoyed the book, but my mother is a forgotten home child. So because of that, I lived through all of this."

The conversation is different now, even more personal, and book club members and Graham herself quietly listen to Geall's experiences, and those of her mom, who came to Canada at 13, where she was sent from Middlesex by ship as an orphan – despite having a father – to a farm near Flesherton to care for an elderly couple.

"My mother was very short, so she said the snow was very high, her coat wasn't very warm, she only had little boots," said Geall. "But she had to feed the chickens, and feed the pigs, look after this couple and scrub the floors and everything. She never talked about abuse, but she didn't talk a whole lot about her time there."

Geall said her mother's past wasn't known to the family as being negative.

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*I'm most happy to talk about this book because in my heart, it's a very important story for people to learn widely.*

— Genevieve Graham

"Because she survived, and she was very, very much a survivor," she said. "She came to Canada in all those circumstances." She notes that the story and the idea that there are other survivor children out there was of particular interest to her.

Graham said members in the social media groups of Home Children and their surviving family members are quick to be able to connect newcomers with information of their family's history, tracing roots and connecting broken links at record speed.

"Only two per cent of the kids were actual orphans," said Graham.

Jane Adams said she once worked at a psychogeriatric unit, where a man had become very depressed, finally sharing a story of how he had been a "Barnardo boy," living out west in a shed. Adams said he had always felt too ashamed to tell his story, even with his family.

"All those years, he'd lived 75 years holding that shame and that sort of silence and it just needed to come out," she said. "He just described a horrific time on the prairies." Eventually, he did share his story with relatives who were supportive, lifting a great weight from him. Adams said it had been a "really good thing for him to be able to talk about it with his family."

Graham picks up a thick binder from off-screen and shows it to the book club members as she describes her research for *The Forgotten Home Child*.

"All the characters I wrote about, everything they experienced was real," she said. "I have this binder and it's all surveys from descendants. I went through that all, and I took the most common...stories – but I put those into these characters so that in a sense they're not really fictional because they are created out of real."

The group appreciates that the settings of Graham's books are Canadian, set in places they feel so familiar with and connected to already. There are so many stories to write, Graham says.

"I'm most happy to talk about this book because in my heart, it's a very important story for people to learn widely," she adds. "When you think about the four-and-a-half million descendants, most of them have no idea about any of this, so it's such an important story. Personally, selfishly, for me it's great that the book has done very well, but overall, I think the butterfly effect of having it spread out and touch so many people that's what's made it for me, it's been so important."

Elly Malcomson says she finds it interesting the topic of the Home Children program isn't discussed much in school.

"When I went to school, which is longer ago than most of you, we did learn about it," she says. "I've always known, but I've never known the details. It's always sort of been out there, negatively. In reading the book I found it very sad but also promising for the future of all of these people. They need to be remembered."

Graham says she's never had this many letters sent to her in response to one of her

books.

"I've got all the other books and I hear from people all the time, but I'm getting five or six letters a week that are coming in, and some of them are so ... it is such a responsibility."

One woman asked for three copies of the book, signed for her, her sister, and a cousin, in memory of their grandfather. Their family had experienced years of trauma culminating in addiction as they dealt with what their grandfather had endured. Others tracing their lineage have told her they haven't known how a family member ended up in Canada by themselves until "all the lights just went on" after reading the book.

Graham said she's trying to get the topic covered more in the high school curriculum, offering to speak to classes about her research and the stories she's uncovered.

Geall says she recently said to her sister that they didn't ask their mom enough questions. The other book club members smile and nod, at opportunities past.

"You never think [the stories] are interesting when they're yours," said Graham.

She shows the group a photo of seven-year-old Alice, a photo she kept near as she was writing the book. "She was seven, she was told to milk the cows, she'd never seen a cow before, she had to deal with all those things," said Graham. Alice was moved from farm to farm, more than a half-dozen times, experiencing physical abuse, sexual abuse, emotional abuse, being told "she was too little to do anything."

Quinn's story in her book broke Graham's heart, she said. He was based on a boy named George who was here for seven months before he died, working for a widow who didn't feed or clothe him, forced to work in the snow and developing gangrene. His coffin was found buried in a manure pile, his body bruised and having suffered trauma by pitchfork.

Some stories were happier – maybe like that of Geall's mother, as far as she knows.

"Overall I think it was an important story to tell," said Graham, from her home in the east coast.

"Isn't this technology wonderful?" asks Geall. "We can all be – I'm in Quebec, you're in Nova Scotia, you're in Ontario, and look, we're all chatting."

"It's been great for authors," says Graham. "My book came out in March and I had booksellers write to me and say they were just setting up the book display in the windows when they had to lock the doors ... Most of us are introverts and pretty much run away from any sort of camera, but Zoom has really changed everything for authors ... I've done a bunch of different visits across Canada on different tours and spoken to people but this way I can talk to lots of people who don't have to travel forever to try to get to it."

A mid-afternoon thunderstorm has reminded Catherine Wallis-Smith that her windows are open, and she apologetically says goodbye to rush off to close them, but the book club meeting is reaching an end anyway, and everyone signs off until next time.

To learn more about the books of Genevieve Graham, visit: <https://genevievegraham.com>.

To learn more about the Haliburton County Public Library book club, or to join a meeting, email [info@haliburtonlibrary.ca](mailto:info@haliburtonlibrary.ca) for more information or to get the Zoom link – test meetings are available for those who haven't used Zoom. The next meeting for the Minden Library Book Club is Aug. 26 at 2 p.m. The Wilberforce Book Club also meets via Zoom, and the HCPL online book club has a discussion forum on GoodReads.

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# Changes to mail service in Harcourt

SUE TIFFIN

Staff Reporter

Harcourt residents are expecting mail in the form of new mailbox keys, which will be delivered to their current P.O. box in the next few weeks.

After Aug. 17, those keys will help residents pick up mail at a new spot in town, community mailboxes installed at the Harcourt Community Centre, located at 1032 Midway Street. The Canada Post outlet at the South Algonquin County Store closes on Aug. 14, being replaced by the community mailboxes for delivery while stamps, parcel services and other mail services will be available at the Wilberforce Post Office, located in Agnew's General Store, at 2284 Loop Road.

Tamara Wilbee, CAO of Dysart et al, said the municipality was contacted by a Canada Post representative on July 16, at which point a July 20 phone meeting was coordinated between Wilbee, Councillor Tammy Donaldson and Mayor Andrea Roberts to discuss the change to mail delivery in Harcourt. Wilbee said the municipality didn't have much part in the decision, outside of finding a location for the community mailboxes to be placed on municipal land.

"We've been advised that all residents will keep their current addresses, at least for the current time, so there will be no rush to make changes in that way," said Wilbee.

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*For some it will be a good news story, as they will be able to access their mail 24/7.*

— Tamara Wilbee

The community mailboxes have a larger compartment within them to allow for delivery of smaller packages directly to the mailbox, and residents will be able to mail regular envelopes from the community boxes provided they have a supply of stamps. Larger parcels to be picked up or dropped off would go through the Wilberforce location.

"For some this might be a loss as it is part of their routine and provides a dry place to collect and post mail, but for some it will be a good news story, as they will be able to access their mail 24/7 and don't have to enter a busy store if they don't want to during these times when social distancing is still necessary," said Wilbee.

For any questions, customers can call the Canada Post customer service department at 1-866-607-6301.



## Burke's birdhouses raise hundreds for food banks

Tom Burke had reached his goal of raising \$500 for the Minden Community Food Centre through the sale of birdhouses he was making at his Minden home during the pandemic when we the *Echo* to him last week, and had decided to keep going to raise another \$500 for the Haliburton 4Cs Food Bank. Just after our phone call, someone stopped in and bought 10 more houses, donating \$250 to Tom's efforts, putting him half-way to his second goal.

Burke said he sold 25 birdhouses in a month and a half by donation, receiving anywhere from \$10 to \$40 for his handcrafted creations.

"I was kinda happy about it," he said.

Burke's birdhouses and bat boxes are available at his home – call ahead at 705-286-4168 to arrange a curbside pickup or stop by when you see his roadside sign. Birdhouses are also available at Canoe FM in Haliburton. /SUE TIFFIN Staff

## Bancroft driver facing multiple charges

A 19-year-old from Bancroft is facing multiple charges after police observed a vehicle going 158 kilometres an hour in an 80 zone.

Bancroft OPP were conducting radar enforcement on Highway 28 in Haliburton County on July 23 when they encountered the vehicle, which failed to stop.

The driver was arrested after the vehicle went into the ditch on Dyno Road. Police say there were other traffic complaints about the same vehicle that day.

The 19-year-old was charged with driv-

ing while under suspension, passing on right, racing/excessive speed, failing to stop for police and driving left of centre while approaching the crest of a grade in the roadway.

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## COVID budgeting

**W**HEN IT COMES to the bottom line, it seems the coronavirus pandemic hasn't had the kind of impact one might expect on municipal budgets – at least not for the county and Municipality of Dysart et al, which recently reviewed the immediate financial effects of COVID-19.

Some income streams have taken a hit, for example, the loss of \$126,000 in ice rental revenues for 2020, or an estimated \$50,000 from parking gate revenue at the medical centre. And some expenses are up – at the Dysart meeting last week, it was noted wages and benefits have increased \$18,700 for cleaning of the arena, which is tentatively planned to open in the fall.

Likewise, the county staff report that cleaning budgets are up, as are expenses related to technology, necessary for moving meetings from physical spaces to online ones.

However, where costs have gone up in some areas, they've come dramatically down in others. Councillors no longer need to drive to their meetings or to conferences, saving travel and associated expenses in the neighbourhood of \$10,000 in Dysart alone. Hydro costs for the arena are down by \$25,000.

And then there are deferrals of 2020 projects, such as the implementation of the shoreline pro-

tection bylaw at the county level and sidewalk construction at York and Highland Street in Haliburton.

In the end, it means a relatively small deficit for Dysart et al, and county council heard that 48 per cent of its budget has been spent, about halfway through the year.

While this is definitely a relief, one wonders what kinds of pressures the coronavirus will impose in 2021 – not just in new future costs, but in projects deferred. Certainly, some items can simply be set aside and picked back up when times are more certain and safety is better assured, but our positive financial reports in 2020 may not necessarily mean smooth sailing in the year ahead.

Elected representatives will be faced with similar challenges as they move forward, with cleaning costs and staffing necessarily increased and user fees down as physical distancing measures restrict how many people can enter buildings or access services.

As with everything related to this pandemic, there's no way to effectively plan for the future. Each step must be taken cautiously and plans are bound to be rewritten a few times before this all is over. What that means for council budgets – and tax levies – in the years to come is still anyone's guess.



jenn watt

## Editorial



Summer poppy pods and blossom

by Darren Lum

## When the sun comes up

**T**HE MINUTE he dipped his paddle into the water he knew he'd made the right decision. It had been a rough summer so far. In the past Sam had always enjoyed this time of year. The cottage was old but comfortable. His brother would join him there for a couple of weeks and the two of them would hang out like they did when they were boys. Back then they had done so much together. Twins are close anyway but Sam and Mike had been inseparable.

Of course as they grew up they moved apart enough to make room for partners, children and all those responsibilities that come with life. After their kids grew up and moved away, they both ended up divorced and with more time to get together. Hence their time at the cottage.

But then Mike was diagnosed and in a matter of months, he was gone. That had been a year ago and Sam was really feeling the loss. Being at the cottage this summer had been a mixture of pain and pleasure. Memories were around every corner. The bedroom they had shared as boys. The kitchen table where they had eaten raspberry pie, the fruit of their own labours. Sam could still remember the time they had picked those particular berries.

It had been crushingly hot, the smell of raspberries hanging in the air above the bushes by the side of the road. Just when they were about to head back Mike had tripped over a root and his treasure had spilled onto the ground like promises from a politician. They went everywhere. He had been so angry he had thrown his empty can down onto the dusty roadway. Sam had told him to take half of his and then they picked some more until they both had a full load once again.

Their relationship had been like that. Mutually supportive. Understanding without always the need for words. And now Mike was gone.

This particular morning Sam was feeling especially lost and alone. Waking early and with the whole day spread before him, he decided to take

the canoe out into the bay. He thought it might distract his racing thoughts, his deep sadness.

Mist hung above the water line as he pushed off. Softly golden light surrounded him. Chirping and chortling from the bush and then a splash reminded him he was not alone. The beaver was making his presence known as were loons out in the bigger bay. No other sounds. No music, no voices, no traffic. Here there was some peace for his aching soul.

Skimming past the shoreline, shades of green merged with more greens

under his canoe. A slight breeze worked at pushing away the mist that still clung to the bay. Sam dipped and pulled, dipped and pulled. The canoe moved silently forward. He skirted the old stump and wondered about the bass that hung about its ancient roots. He and Mike used to bait their hooks with those squirming, squishy worms and then sit patiently, waiting for the excitement. Since Mike had died, Sam no longer

cared about fishing. In fact, he didn't care about a lot of things.

Still, this was nice, he thought to himself. Peaceful. Quiet. Already it was warming up. The sun was higher now and the mist almost gone. Sam continued to glide over the glassy surface, wondering how far he wanted to go. In his head he asked Mike for an opinion. Just like in the old days. He could hear his brother's voice. Paddle until your arms feel like they're going to fall off, said the voice, then paddle some more. Sam smiled to himself. Just like Mike to push it to the limit. But he wasn't Mike and he was getting hungry. Scrambled eggs in a sun-filled kitchen seemed like a good idea now. So he turned around and headed back. The mist was gone and it was going to be another hot one. Maybe he'd go pick some raspberries. He wasn't up to making a pie but they would sure taste good with ice cream. There was still some pleasure to be found in life, he thought as a bass jumped with a splash.

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# points of view

## They don't make mirrors like they used to

**T**HE OTHER DAY, after stepping out of the shower, drying myself off and getting dressed, I asked Jenn a simple question. "Did we get a new mirror?" She just looked at me, rolled her eyes, and walked away. Since Jenn is always reticent to state the obvious, I took this as a yes.

I'm not sure why we got a new mirror. The only thing I can think of is that she broke it and did not want to tell me about it.

No matter the reason, this new one is clearly distorting things – and not in a good way.

I can't say I was surprised though. Unless I am totally mistaken, we have purchased several new mirrors in the last 10 years – and each one appears to work much worse than the last.

Then again, I'm sure anyone my age or older would agree: they don't make mirrors like they used to.

This one is the worst so far, however.

My guess is that Jenn got it at an online auction in which they were selling things from a dismantled fun house.

How else could you explain the way that mirror is distorting my mid-section and making it appear way wider than it actually is?

Also, it's making me appear short and with a receding (OK non-existent) hairline.

I hope she didn't pay too much for it.

I happen to come from a culture that believes breaking mirrors brings seven years of bad luck. Otherwise I'd fix that.

Not to belabour the point but, historically, mirrors have always caused trouble.

Take for instance Narcissus, who was said to be a fairly handsome hunter in Greek mythology. Unfortunately, he fell in love with his own reflection, which didn't end well. Frankly, the only good thing to come out of this situation was that it was probably the inspiration for Neil Sedaka's song *Breaking Up is Hard to Do*. And, honestly, I could have gone my whole life without hearing that song.

By the way, here's some additional food for thought: if you think about it, a window is just a really lousy mirror. I know. Mind blown, right?

I'm not saying mirrors do not have their practical uses. Without them how could we determine who is and is not a vampire? They also come in handy when you need to shave, put on your duck hunting face paint, make a trick shot with your rifle, look for ticks in awkward places or signal passing aircraft.

There are probably other uses too.

But, again, you can't rely on them for accuracy. All you need to do is look at the warning label on your car's side mirrors to see that much.

I got a little off track though. I began by saying that mirrors used to be better in the old days. Here's why. Back then, they provided you with an accurate depiction of your waistline, hairline, and general state of appearance. But, for some reason, manufacturers have been making them progressively worse since I was about 40.

I can't say it truly bothers me all that much though.

As most people have pointed out, I am not one of those guys who spends a lot of time in front of a mirror. This is because I have an accurate perception of what I look like, which is basically a cross between Brad Pitt and George Clooney, though a little taller, with a more disarming smile and additional luxurious hair.

I know this is true because just last week, I asked Jenn if this is what I look like. And, you know, she just looked at me, rolled her eyes and walked away.



steve  
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### Loon Tales



## pic of the past

**L**ooking over this week's photo brings back memories of the country and western hit "I'd give all of my tomorrows just for one more yesterday." This is just what some of these students in the Grade 7 and 8 classes in 1952 might be thinking as they look at this photo today. It was taken at the Victoria Street School in Haliburton. Front row, from left: Dennis Snider, Dale Robertson, Allan Hoxie, Maxine Trudeau, Pat Perrin, Shirley Johnston, Shirley Dummitt, Lynda Brodhagen, Ruth Coneybeare, Sharon Parish, Brenda Lynn Austin, Carolyn Brennan, Faye Walling, Betty Lou Parish, Wendy Bishop, Wayne Woods, Murray Pearson, Delmar Neimann, Second row from left: ?, Howard Higgins, Bill Gliddon, Dorothy Glazenbrooke, Lois Giles, Donna Webb, Brenda Watt, Francis Roberts, Phillis Taylor, Delaine Vickery, Roberta Whittaker, Patsy Bell, Muriel Little, Carol Roberts, ?, Arthur Daniels, Jim Reynolds. Back row from left: Jerry Howe, Janis Chu, Walter Daniels, Paul Howe, Karl Miller, Don Perrin, R. Chu, Frank (Buzz) Hodgson, Raymond Scheffee, Mervyn Elstone, Grenville Bird, Gerald Bannon, Jim Johnston (teacher and principal).

## Coronavirus 2020

We've been hit with this thing called "Covid",  
They say, "Stay home and don't mingle",  
"Don't go out and mix at all",  
But that's no fun, because I'm single.

Wash your hands,  
And wear a mask.  
And remember to social distance.  
That's all we ask!

I have watched TV  
Until I am sick of the news,  
Read many books,  
To get rid of the blues.

I have raked the leaves  
And picked up sticks.  
I have cleaned up my garden  
And filled my pots with new mix.

I have organized my cupboards,  
Washed and painted the door,  
Vacuumed my house,  
And scrubbed the floor.

I have played my piano,  
Every piece I know,  
I feel like Beethoven,  
I could put on a show.

I have listened to music  
To lift me up,  
And drank lots of coffee  
From my bottomless cup.

A trip to Tim's Drive Thru  
Is quite the treat.  
Fish and Chips, Chinese Food,  
We will go anywhere to eat.

But wait! We just heard the news!  
After three months, we've had enough.  
We can now venture out  
If we do not have a cough.

Go back to church,  
It is time to greet,  
All those friends,  
You have been longing to meet.

Go out for dinner  
And spend all your cash.  
You have been saving up.  
So, it is time for a "bash".

Three months inside,  
It seemed so long.  
Now enjoy your life.  
That's the end of my song.

Ruth C.



## On the road

Mike Germa sent in this photo from his travels on Harburn Road. "My neighbour Bill Vickery put together this display of an old truck on its very last run ... very nice don't you think? Lots of neat stuff here in the Highlands, just gotta keep your eyes open." Have you seen something neat during your travels around the Highlands? Send it in to [jenn@haliburtonpress.com](mailto:jenn@haliburtonpress.com)



# Focus on what was, instead of what could have been, at SIRCH AGM

DARREN LUM

Staff Reporter

President Barb Fawcett is calling 2020 for SIRCH Community Services “a year of celebration.” Although she recognized the challenges related to the pandemic while speaking at the virtual annual general meeting on Tuesday, July 28, she said it was important to “focus this report on our current programs: the work done over the last fiscal year has been incredible and is worth celebrating.”

SIRCH offers programs for pregnant women and those with young children to help them build resilience; School’s Cool, a kindergarten readiness program; Community Kitchen; the Apple Sauce Project; a free lunch program during the winter; the Share the Warmth clothing drive; and retail and food training programs.

SIRCH also offers social enterprises such as the Thrift Warehouses located in Haliburton and Bancroft, where people can purchase a variety of goods for less than retail and benefit the environment by diverting items from the landfill.

Among the new offerings this past year were social enterprise examples Catering for a Cause, a catering service for small and large groups, offering customized menus, and the International Bistro, which is part of Catering for a Cause and involved a partnership with Fleming College. Catering had bookings lined up this summer and autumn, but like everything COVID-19 ended these opportunities for needed funds. The bistro’s operation did not occur this year because of the Haliburton School of Art + Design’s 2020 season cancellation.

Also new was the series of Repair Cafes where an army of volunteer “fixers” were brought in to assist the public, whether it was to repair broken household and textile items, or to teach what was required to resolve the disrepair at a later time. The event, which fostered connection between community fixers and the public, but also resulted in establishing relations between repair cafe people in the Highlands and all over the province, was held on separate dates in Haliburton and Minden. Due to COVID-19, the series was put on hold.

Another notable new program for SIRCH was Family Roots. This program provided training to seniors to perform online family research, who were then matched with other seniors who were socially isolated or disconnected from family and friends.

From the annual report: “The opportunity to explore family roots with a volunteer fostered companionship



Haliburton Thrift Warehouse's Scott Michael Walling places DVDs on a shelf. SIRCH's Thrift Warehouse keeps gently used items out of the landfill, while also generating income for their community services. /DARREN LUM Staff

and friendship, decreased isolation and, in some, mental health was significantly improved. Some found long lost relatives. All found interesting insights into their family origin.”

SIRCH was incorporated in 1989 to address gaps in social and health services.

Although SIRCH was founded in and primarily focuses on Haliburton County, it also sponsors programs in the City of Kawartha Lakes and Northumberland County and includes the Thrift Warehouse in Bancroft.

“Currently our programs and social enterprises reflect our vision: to have thriving communities where each person feels connected, supported and encouraged,” the SIRCH website reads. “Our focus is on creating resilience, reducing poverty and encouraging connection. Read through Programs and Social Enterprises to see the wide range of initiatives SIRCH is involved in. We really do have ‘an unwavering belief in people and possibilities.’”

Fawcett credited the support SIRCH receives to make everything they do possible.

“Enough can’t be said about the various funders, organizations, businesses, local entrepreneurs, and individuals who partner, donate to, volunteer with, and support, our programs and services. We are so thankful for their vision and cooperation,” she said.

Also adopting a tone of accomplishment and gratitude for the supporters who make it possible, executive director Gena Robertson said she appreciates the reflection that occurs with an annual general meeting.

“The thing I like about annual meetings is that although it’s a little extra work, it’s nonetheless an oppor-

tunity to look back and see what was accomplished. And, I think most of us at SIRCH are like knee deep in it and we are focused on what we’re doing and where we’re going and we forget, or don’t take the opportunity always to [reflect on past achievements],” she said. “Last year was no exception to any other year. There was a lot that happened. A lot that was new. A lot that got accomplished.”

Robertson thanked Fawcett for her leadership, as well as the board members for their efforts with COVID-19 protocols and marketing. She also thanked the community, which includes service providers, the businesses, donors, and supporters such as the media.

“Because it makes such a difference. It makes it so much easier to do your work when you have a whole big network of people that are supporting you and on the same page,” she said. “And again, I think sometimes we sort of take that for granted because you do.”

From the president’s report’s remarks, this past Oct. 17 celebration event marked a 30-year milestone for SIRCH, celebrating three decades of its commitment to the community.

“So many proud moments occurred that evening but the ones that stood out the most to me were the words from participants of SIRCH’s programs, who shared just how much their lives had been changed. It is with a great deal of gratitude that we look forward to the next decade (or three) of SIRCH’s dedication to the community. Thank you to each of the members of the board for your insight and commitment to our goals and aspirations,” she said. “Together, we really can make a difference.”



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# Dysart adopts video surveillance policy

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Staff Reporter

Dysart et al councillors adopted a new video surveillance policy for the municipality during a July 28 online meeting.

That policy is based on one passed by Haliburton County council in June and by Minden Hills council earlier in July, and councillors heard from county IT director Mike March.

"The IT department has been asked to assist with the implementation of a video surveillance system at the new Head Lake Park visitors' centre," a report from March read. "Due to the threat of privacy breaches, improper use and collection of video, and the risk of liability associated with this type of surveillance, it is important that strong policies and procedures are in place before the municipality implements any video surveillance project. Therefore the director of IT has been asked to bring forward a revised draft video surveillance policy for council consideration."

Dysart has an existing policy and a report from March also included changes between the existing policy and the new policy.

In drafting the policy, March looked at policies in place in other

municipalities. Its guiding principles include that data from cameras would be collected only when authorized by statute, required by law enforcement, "or when necessary to the proper administration of a lawfully authorized activity"; minimizing the amount of data that is collected; retaining data for no longer than it is required; using data only for the purpose for which is collected; taking all reasonable precautions to prevent unauthorized access to data; notifying individuals through signage that video surveillance is in use; and not disclosing data unless the disclosure is "with consent from the individuals whose personal information appears in the images; in response to a Freedom of Information request; or requested by law enforcement to aid an investigation."

March's report noted the policy had been reviewed by law firm Ewart O'Dwyer.

Council ultimately voted to repeal the municipality's existing policy, replacing it with the new one.

"So we'll all have the same policy," said Mayor Andrea Roberts, "just to note that the county and the four local municipalities should have all the same policy, which is great, because we're all using the same IT department."

## Missing man found dead in Minden Lake

The body of a Scarborough man who police had been searching for since declaring him missing on July 23 was pulled from Minden Lake on Sunday, July 26.

Haliburton Highlands OPP said a resident had found the body of 55-year-old Robert Smith near their dock on the north end of Minden Lake shortly before 5:30 p.m. on July 26.

On July 28, Global News reported Smith to be a convicted sex offender, based on a source through the Toronto Police Service. When contacted by the *Haliburton Echo*, TPS would not confirm those details.

Smith had been reported missing by the TPS on July 23 at 1:07 a.m. He had last been seen in the Minden area riding a red 1995 Harley Davidson motorcycle on July 22.

That motorcycle was located in an overflow parking lot off of Horse-shoe Lake Road, according to local police who were called in to assist in the search at 4 p.m. on July 24. Acting OPP Staff Sergeant Jason Folz said Toronto Police had advised the local team that the motorcycle might be found there.

OPP members from the Central Region emergency response team, canine unit and aviation services searched that area, with additional resources from the underwater search and recovery unit and marine patrols joining on July 25.

Global News reported on July 28 that a source with the TPS had con-

firmed "Smith is the same individual who, in 2008, was sentenced to 20 months in prison and three years of probation after pleading guilty to possessing and distributing child pornography. Smith's arrest came following an undercover police investigation in which police seized up to 1,000 graphic and sexual images of boys and girls under age 12."

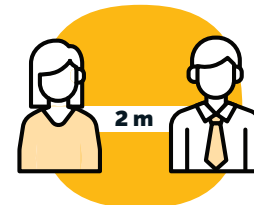
At that time, Smith was an actor best known for his role as a spokesperson for Alexander Keith's beer, appearing in commercials as an over-the-top Scotsman.

Police searching for Smith said they were concerned for his safety. They did not disclose his criminal record, though the *Echo* asked Toronto Police Service on July 24 and Haliburton Highlands OPP on July 26 to confirm the missing person was the same Smith associated with the previous crimes. On July 28, TPS confirmed that the Robert Smith who was missing had been found dead, but repeated they would not comment on the man's criminal history.

Folz said a post mortem examination would be scheduled at the Ontario Forensic Pathology Service in Toronto, but noted "it will be several months before any post-mortem results will be made available to investigators." Investigators do not suspect foul play in this death investigation.

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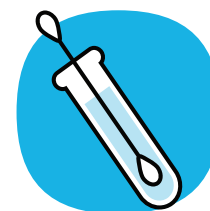
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# Family celebrates milestone birthday with creativity

DARREN LUM

Staff Reporter

When 90-years-young birthday grandma Doris Brown stood at her front door in Haliburton, looking out at the lawn where family members were putting the finishing touches on the collection of 90 birthday cards and other keepsakes that came from family, friends and neighbours she said, "You're all crazy."

Brown, who is known to family as Grandma, Mom, Doe and Dodie, was a little taken aback by the attention, still wearing her robe and curlers in her hair.

"No, no. I never saw [this coming]. I've driven by places [with these types of celebrations], but it never dawned on me. Usually my birthday has come and gone and everybody is on holidays," she said, referring to birthdays when she was younger.

The mother of eight, grandmother to 25, great-grandmother to 23 with two great-great-grandchildren has an obvious legacy of love.

Responding to the number of mementoes left on her front property, Brown quipped: "I have 90 aches and pains."

"It looks awesome," someone said.

"It looks awesome?" she replied. "A good job it does."

Daughter Allison Perecko, who helped to organize the effort, said her mother doesn't like surprises – it was her late father who was the prankster.

But after a few minutes passed and the initial surprise wore off, Brown was smiling.

"I don't like surprises, but what are you going to do," she said. "I mean you're sort of outnumbered and I know it sort of spoils it. If I hear there is a surprise I try to find out what it is."

Perecko said her mother would have been a great lawyer because of her ability to get to the truth. Little ever gets by her mother's questioning.

The last time anything like this was done for Brown was five years ago for her 85th birthday. Perecko said her



Standing with daughter Allison Perecko, left, Haliburton's Doris Brown was surprised by the effort to recognize her 90th birthday by family, friends and neighbours with at least 90 cards and other keepsakes placed on her front lawn on Friday, July 31 in Haliburton. Brown was surprised by the gesture, calling everyone in front of her home, "crazy." /DARREN LUM Staff

mother didn't like to be the centre of attention.

Brown's daughter Jocelyn Rodgers came up with the idea of decorating the lawn as a way of doing something special during the pandemic. Rodgers wasn't able to attend due to work in Mount Albert.

Success depended on a few white lies and distraction,

and because Perecko usually collects her mom's mail, she was able to intercept the birthday greetings. "I've just been giving her junk mail and her bills," she said, laughing.

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# Mother appreciates simple things, daughter says

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To keep the ruse going she made sure to pass on one birthday greeting card from her granddaughter from Singapore, which came a day before Brown's birthday.

Perecko said her mother only needs the simple things in life to be happy. "Bring her a tea biscuit to go with her cup of tea ... she's quite satisfied with that. She's a very contented person," she said.

Brown endured the Depression, raised

eight children, and did so while moving around with her husband who worked for the railway.

Her centred existence and strong faith in God has been integral to raising eight children and a long and full life, Perecko said. It was all a conscious effort.

"Just keep going. Take the next step. You know. Just do the next thing. Raising eight children that's exactly what she had to do. She decided she's going to be contented," she said.



At 90 years old, Haliburton's Doris Brown, who sits with daughter Allison Perecko, speaks about the organized effort to recognize her birthday.



Family members secure the helium-filled number 9 balloon before the zero balloon was lost to the sky, to recognize Doris Brown's 90th birthday.



Family members go about placing birthday decorations and wishes in the form of cards, postcards and letters

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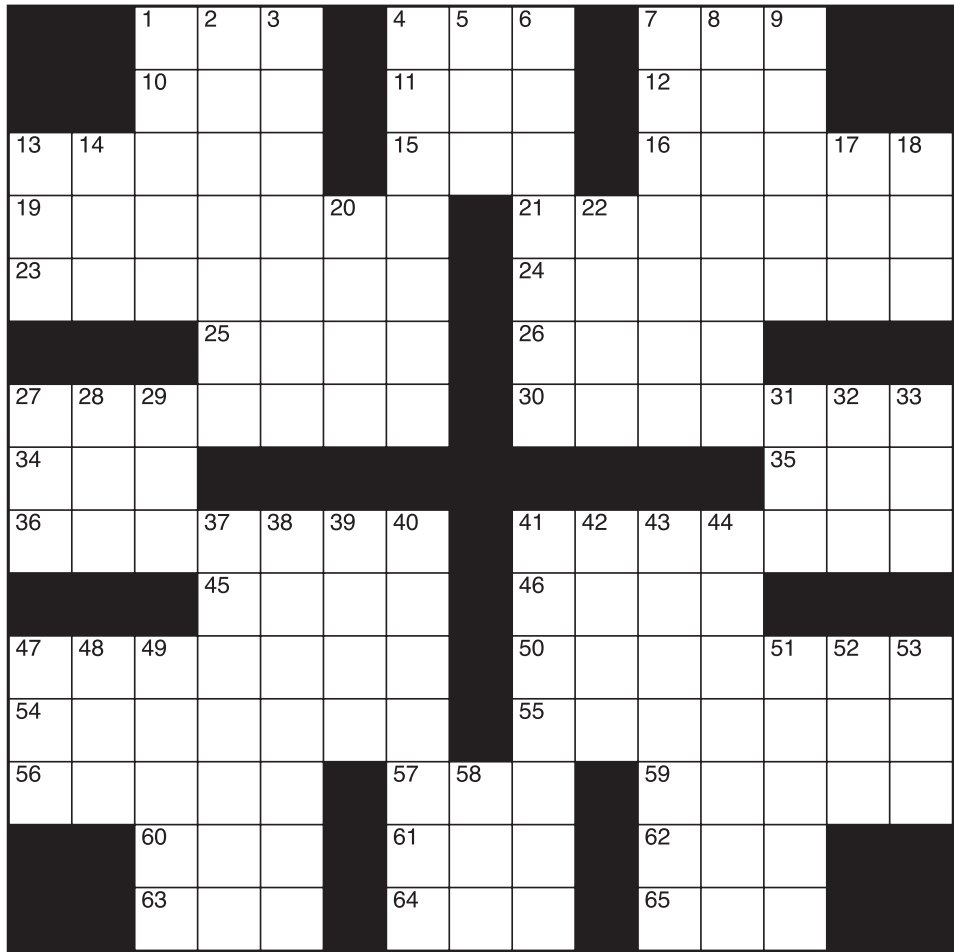


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- 1. Chop with an ax
  - 4. Where a bachelor lives
  - 7. Indicates near
  - 10. Doctors' group
  - 11. It's just a number
  - 12. Type of bread
  - 13. Lively ballroom dance
  - 15. Charles S. Dutton TV series
  - 16. A way to use up
  - 19. Singular event
  - 21. Home of Disney World
  - 23. Minerals
  - 24. Most insightful
  - 25. Consult
  - 26. In addition
  - 27. Agents of downfall
  - 30. Organizations
  - 34. Supervises flying
  - 35. Bar bill
  - 36. Alfalfa
  - 41. Dish soap
  - 45. Witnesses
  - 46. Ancient Greek City
  - 47. Newspaper bigwigs
  - 50. Discuss again
  - 54. Small group with shared interests
  - 55. Support
  - 56. Popular sportcoat fabric
  - 57. Take hold of
  - 59. Pre-Mayan civilization
  - 60. Woman (French)
  - 61. Wheeled vehicle
  - 62. Georgia rockers
  - 63. Cold War player (abbr.)
  - 64. Pitching stat
  - 65. Attempt

- CLUES DOWN
- 1. Czech monetary unit
  - 2. Arousing intense feeling
  - 3. Elks
  - 4. Muscular weaknesses
  - 5. Before the present
  - 6. Figures out
  - 7. Infinite
  - 8. A low wall
  - 9. Silly
  - 13. Political organization
  - 14. Used of a number or amount not specified
  - 17. Divisions of the psyche
  - 18. Denial
  - 20. Ancient Iranian person
  - 22. Count on
  - 27. Popular sports league
  - 28. Water (French)
  - 29. Partner to cheese
  - 31. When you hope to get there
  - 32. Angry
  - 33. One point east of due south
  - 37. Respects
  - 38. Organize anew
  - 39. French wine grape
  - 40. Intrinsic nature of something
  - 41. Neural structures
  - 42. Brews
  - 43. Where ships take on cargo
  - 44. Holiday season singer
  - 47. Shock treatment
  - 48. Popular average
  - 49. Products
  - 51. A type of bear
  - 52. Utilize
  - 53. Old world, new
  - 58. Swiss river

Answers on page 15

# County to apply for broadband funding

CHAD INGRAM

Staff Reporter

Haliburton County will apply for provincial funding for a project that would bring internet downloading/uploading speeds of 50 mbps/10 mbps to the area. A staff report from chief administrative officer Mike Rutter received by councillors during a July 22 meeting explained that the provincial government is offering \$150 million in grants through the Ministry of Infrastructure for broadband projects, and that applications must be done in partnership with telecom service providers.

"The federal government has also indicated that they will be announcing a grant program in the near future," the report reads. "We do not know if the provincial and federal programs will complement one another, or if one applicant could apply for funding from both."

The provincial program would pay for 25 per cent of a project, and it's estimated a project to outfit Haliburton County with 50 mbps/10 mbps speeds would cost \$55 million. That means provincial funding would cover \$13.75 million, and federal

funding, if available, the same amount, leaving an estimated \$27.5 million to the county and a partner telecom company. The staff report also laid out a tentative plan for borrowing over the period of decade to cover those costs.

The localized project would be separate from the Eastern Ontario Regional Network's cell gap project.

"We have been approached by two telecom service providers already, and it's possible that they would have some very interesting projects for our review," Rutter told councillors. His report also recommended the sole-sourced hiring of a consultant to conduct a technical evaluation of proposals and complete the application, with the deadline fast approaching near the end of August.

Councillors were unanimously supportive of moving ahead with the grant application, and with the sole-source procurement of a consultant.

"As we already know, that everybody [dealing] with COVID [protocols] has become extremely aware of connectivity needs, so the rush for consultants or people to help in the process, the longer we wait, the shallower pond we're going to be fishing in," said Minden Hills Mayor Brent Devolin.

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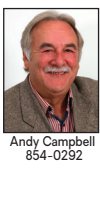
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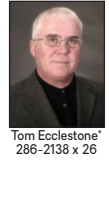
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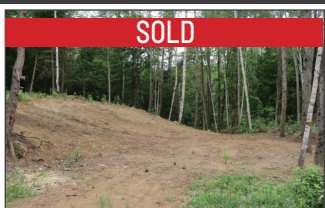
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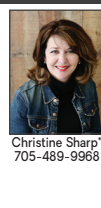
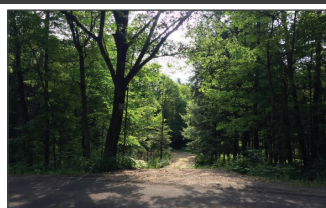
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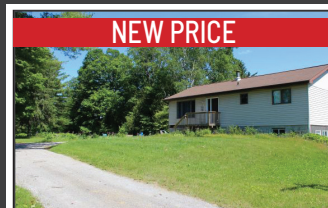
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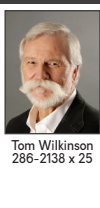
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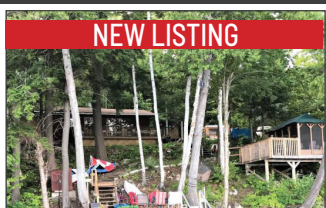
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# What's old is new again for Beyond Plasters

DARREN LUM

*Staff Reporter*

Beyond Plasters, a relatively new business offering customers an opportunity to use natural plasters, is embracing the past towards a new way of thinking.

Minden Hills resident and graduate of Fleming College's Sustainable Building Design and Construction program Sebastian Renel started Beyond Plasters in 2018.

With 13 years of experience in plaster work, he isn't new to the practices and application of using plasters with lime and clay as the basic binders, which can also include natural fibres such as locally sourced cattails.

"The 17th century artisans introduced natural plaster to create beautiful interior and exterior finishes for homes and buildings of all sorts," reads Renel's website, "This unique art form was mostly forgotten in Canada after the introduction of commercial drywall in the 1950s. Today natural plaster provides infinite design opportunities. From restorations to simple accent walls, entire spaces, kitchen back-splashes, shower surrounds, earthen floors and fireplaces, natural plasters are an excellent choice to complete your vision."

Although he has years of experience in timber framing, he said he started Beyond Plastering because of his passion for the work.

"I still love timber framing. I still have my timber framing tools and if I have a chance I'll lend a hand to whoever needs a hand for that kind of stuff, but this is more of a passion than timber framing. Again, as much as I love timber framing ... you get to play with so much more colour, so much more texture and that fact that you're mixing these ingredients that you bring from nature," he said.

He decided to base his business in the Highlands because it offered an ideal location for his family, with a rural property allowing them to grow some of their own food with areas close by to swim and fish.

Renel said people are becoming more interested in where things come from and what they're about. The materials used in natural plasters, which can be used on walls or floors, have their own meaning.

"Clay has its meaning in the dirt. The sand as well. It filtrates ... and then cattails are part of it – the seeds, really. The roots filter the water, right? You take those elements, which already have cleansing properties, right? And you put them together ... I've always thought of it, like, if you look at the meaning of things and where things come from and what was their purpose and how you're repurposing things, it really shows the value the end product ends up being. This is what it's all about. For me, more than the environmental impact that it has



Sebastian Renel works on the 4Cs' exterior wall in Haliburton. A graduate of Fleming College's Sustainable Building Design and Construction program, with 13 years of experience in plaster work, he started Beyond Plasters in 2018. /DARREN LUM Staff

on everything it's really about the health benefits. Health ... to me is more [important] than anything. Health encompasses environment too and by that I mean you have these kind of finishes in your home. Well, it's going to be the healthiest home – you'll want to stay there forever," he said.

Renel said that natural plaster of clay and lime provides for a healthy environment.

"Lime is antiseptic by nature so there's no mould build up," he said

"These materials really work with moisture by absorbing it, releasing by creating that balance. Clay does that amazingly," he said. He adds the breathability and the neutral acidity level of lime plasters is another reason mould growth is suppressed.

All of his plasters are custom mixed using natural organic ingredients found in the area.

Among the natural plasters he can make is Moroccan plaster of Tadelakt, capable of producing highly polished and smooth finish surfaces that boast water resistance, suitable for a bathroom or a back splash.

Some of his education on natural plasters includes trips to Japan where he acquired a different approach to plastering.

"Plastering happens in layers. The one thing is that [you need] to give all the attention you can to each layer. Make every layer look beautiful even if it's not the finished layer and keep the work environment clean," he said. "And just keep practising all the time."

Renel admits his work does have a greater financial cost, but said the added expense of custom mixed plaster and the labour of sourcing materials, is returned in the final product.

"The overall well being in your home. The harmony it creates. The colours. The vibrancy. Everything you call it. You're going to just feel more inspired in your everyday life. I think it has the potential to heal," he said.

Renel said he named his business Beyond Plasters not only because he does more than plastering.

"Also, partly it's the wave of the future. And also [these are] natural finishes for an evolving world. I think we're at a point in history and humankind where there's ... a major awareness shift happening. I think this ties so much with what we're going through," he said.

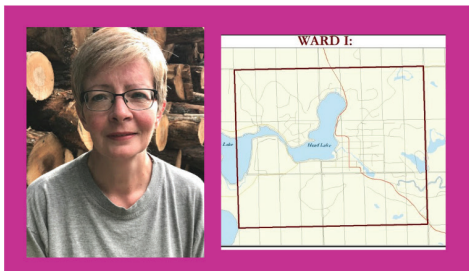
For Renel, he said there is a shift in the public's mindset happening now.

"It's a shift in the way we think about longevity, sustainability. These are vague terms, to be honest. I think you have to approach everything in terms of simply understanding what it is and what benefits you get from it," he said.

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<div><div>NEW LISTING</div></div> <div><b>West Lake</b> <b>\$619,900</b></div> <div><ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 2900 Sq Ft executive home on 1.5 acre lot, perfect for every season</li><li>• 3+ bedroom, 3 bath, &amp; cozy Bunkie/Studio</li><li>• Fabulous lakeview plus a new dock</li></ul></div>	<div><div>NEW LISTING</div></div> <div><b>Trooper Lake</b> <b>\$529,000</b></div> <div><ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Beautiful 3 bedroom cottage in a lovely setting</li><li>• Private location with sand beach and a boathouse on the water's edge</li><li>• Western exposure for beautiful sunset views</li><li>• Book your appointment today, this one won't last long!</li></ul></div>	<div><div>SOLD</div></div> <div><b>Kashagawigamog Lake</b> <b>\$519,000</b></div> <div><ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Level building lot on our 5-lake system</li><li>• Easy access off Wonderland Road</li><li>• Just 5 minutes from Haliburton</li></ul></div>	<div><div>SOLD</div></div> <div><b>Gull Lake</b> <b>\$485,000</b></div> <div><ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 4 season, 3 bedrooms, 2 baths</li><li>• Beautiful view of Gull Lake</li><li>• One of our premier lakes, great boating, fishing &amp; more!</li></ul></div>	<div><div>SOLD</div></div> <div><b>Silver Beach</b> <b>\$479,000</b></div> <div><ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Beautifully maintained home or Open concept, 3-bedroom, 2 bath condo</li><li>• Located in a premium no maintenance Lifestyle community on Lake Kashagawigamog</li></ul></div>
<div><div>SOLD</div></div> <div><b>Irondale River</b> <b>\$439,000</b></div> <div><ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Beautifully maintained home or cottage on a spacious lot</li><li>• 24' x 20' garage with finished loft/rec room</li><li>• Ideal waterfront, clean swimming, miles of kayak &amp; canoeing</li></ul></div>	<div><div>SOLD</div></div> <div><b>Saskatchewan Lake</b> <b>\$289,000</b></div> <div><ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Year-round cottage or waterfront home</li><li>• 2 bedroom home with many recent updates</li><li>• On a clean 2-lake chain with good fishing and ideal for kayaking &amp; canoeing</li><li>• Great opportunity to introduce yourself to cottaging!</li></ul></div>	<div></div> <div><b>West Lake Building Lot</b> <b>\$265,300</b></div> <div><ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Prime lot with a stunning view over the Lake</li><li>• Year-round township road, terrific building site</li><li>• Hydro &amp; Bell are available at the lot line</li></ul></div>	<div></div> <div><b>Downtown Dorset</b> <b>\$199,900</b></div> <div><ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Clean and tidy 2-bedroom home, retail space, or office</li><li>• Currently used as a Spa but with lots of potential for other businesses</li><li>• Close walk to shopping, parks, the lake and more</li></ul></div>	<div><div>NEW LISTING</div></div> <div><b>Sunnyside St</b> <b>\$79,900</b></div> <div><ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Level Haliburton Village Building Lot to build your dream home</li><li>• Nicely treed in an area of nice homes on a year-round municipal road</li><li>• Hydro and internet available at the lot line</li></ul></div>



# Water Ambassadors golf tourney raised more than \$30,000

DARREN LUM

Staff Reporter

Water Ambassadors Canada's eighth annual Charity Golf Classic raised more than \$32,000 thanks to the support of the community.

With 84 golfers, 17 volunteers, the staff of the Pine-stone and a collection of businesses that sponsored three hole-in-one holes and several challenge games, the fundraiser on Thursday, July 23 will fund close to 13 Water Ambassadors' projects, which cost \$2,500 on average.

Water Ambassadors Canada is a faith-based, non-profit organization that works to provide clean water to remote, developing communities around the world.

Golf tournament co-ordinator Ursula Devolin called it a "great day."

"We are so grateful that you took the time to play and donate to our mission to supply clean water to those in need. Though we cannot do our usual mission trips, we are working even harder these days with in-country partners to help them meet the needs of their local communities," she said in an email to participants.

Although the winners of the fundraiser are the communities that benefit from water projects, the top golfers at the event were Roger Trull, Jon Vermeer, Leigh Bull and Darrell Stamp. Their win earned The Golden Pump Trophy with a score of 58 best ball format. The winners will have their names added to the trophy and

will receive gift certificates for golf at the Pinestone golf course and The Haliburton Driving Range as well as Rhubarb Restaurant.

Holding the event required some changes to reduce the potential spread of the coronavirus, including having one golfer per cart unless golfers were from the same household, to stagger the starts every 15 minutes, and to have golfers start on the back nine instead of the front so the players would progress their play towards the wash-room facilities instead of away from them.

"This was a very unusual time to plan a golf tournament. We set everything up with stage one parameters in mind and we thank you for being so adaptive," Devolin wrote. "Hopefully, the new format and meal plan worked well for all of you. I also hope the day provided each of you with a little break from your work life, your COVID concerns, and troubles in general. Didn't it feel great to get out?"

With planning taking place before the event, organizers needed to plan according to the stage the province was in when they started.

This year's focus was on how clean water isn't just for drinking, but is also for hygiene.

There were challenge games during the fundraiser such as Sink the Soap and Pitch the Poop to draw attention to this.

"Thank you again for making the water dreams of so many people come true! Wishing you all a fabulous summer," Devolin wrote.



The Golden Pump Trophy was awarded to the top golfers at the Water Ambassadors Canada eighth annual Charity Golf Classic: Roger Trull, Jon Vermeer, Leigh Bull and Darrell Stamp with a score of 58. The winners had their name added to the trophy and will also receive gift certificates for golf at the Pinestone golf course and to The Haliburton Driving Range and Rhubarb Restaurant. /DARREN LUM Staff

## Canoe FM bingo proceeds fund food banks

Money collected through Canoe FM's Radio Bingo from January through June of 2020 will infuse local food banks with nearly \$32,000 between them.

Bingo proceeds are split between Canoe FM, going to its broadcast expenses, and local charity. The charities change over time.

According to information from Canoe FM, the Minden Food Bank will use the money to bulk purchase

food, which will be distributed to all of the county's food banks, based on need.

Radio Bingo began in 2012 and since then more than \$317,000 has been given to not-for-profits in Haliburton County.

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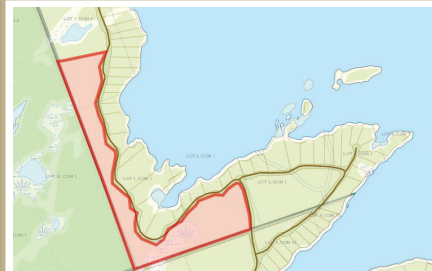
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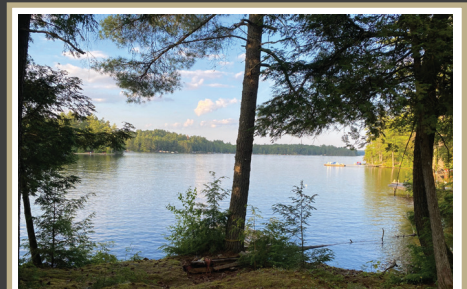
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# Community safety plan conducted at county level

The following are brief reports of items discussed during a July 22 online meeting of Haliburton County council.

The provincial government has mandated that all municipalities in Ontario create what it's calling community safety and well-being plans, and in the County of Haliburton, it's been agreed to by its four lower-tier municipal councils that a plan will be contracted through the county, to serve the upper tier as well as the four lower tiers.

The county will strike a steering committee that will review a request for proposals document and approve a work plan. The process is being led by Algonquin Highlands Mayor Carol Moffatt, who chairs the county's community policing advisory committee, and has done significant research on what the plans are to entail.

It's expected the budget for the project will be \$75,000, with half the amount coming from the county, and other half split evenly between the four lower-tier municipalities.

## Wetland mapping

Councillors heard an update from Sheila Ziman and Paul Heaven of the Haliburton Highlands Land Trust about the organization's improved wetlands mapping project, which is developing and testing a new, remote wetland mapping technique which provides more accurate data than previous mapping techniques, and can then be used for planning purposes.

The land trust used money from an Ontario Trillium Foundation SEED grant to do a test pilot project of the technique within the former townships of Lutterworth, Snowdon and Glamorgan, and based on successful results, intends to apply for further funding from the Ontario Trillium Foundation for completion of the mapping throughout the rest of the county.

The land trust was seeking, and received, support from the county on its application for that funding.

- Chad Ingram, Staff



## Taking precautions

Area businesses have changed the way they do things to comply with regulations to limit the spread of COVID-19. Here, a sign on Highland Street points to limits on how many shoppers can be in the store at once. /DARREN LUM Staff

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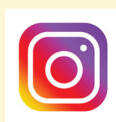
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*A visual diary of a young girl choosing to leave everything behind to observe life at the rails end*

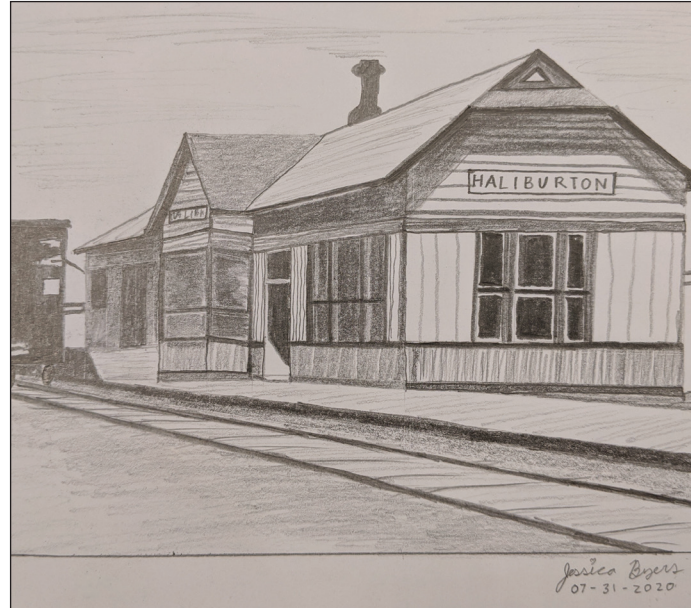
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It's been a few months that my family has settled down into Haliburton Village since we first came here from the city. We have our own place in town, and we've made new friends. Often, my parents would meet up with their friends while I play with their kids. Our favourite thing to do together was congregate at the station at train times. The trains, especially the steam locomotives, held a great fascination for us. The anticipation of the train coming was thrilling. Some days we'd gather inside the station waiting room where we'd sit at the seat near the window and pretend like we're the agent watching for an incoming train. We remember the sounds distinctively. The silence broke only by the ticking of the station clock, and the periodic chatter of the telegraph key. Then finally, the thrill was heightened by the distant whistle of the train. It was followed by the clanging of the engine's bell, the hissing of the brakes, the rumble of the platform, more chatter of people exiting the train, and the agent crying out "all-aboard."

Until next time Diary...

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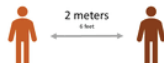
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We, the family of resident Clifford Davison, would like to express our sincerest gratitude and appreciation to all of the health care workers and staff at the Haliburton Extendicare facility. Your dedication and kindness have made dealing with the pandemic a little easier on our family during these trying times.



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### Sharon Lynn Crowe (nee Bain)

Passed away peacefully at the Haliburton Hospital after a courageous 8 year battle with cancer on Wednesday, July 29, 2020, at the age of 55.

Loving wife of Steve and mother of Abby Campbell (Judd) and JD Crowe (Abby). Proud GG to Hudson and Isla Crowe and Kain Campbell. Dear daughter of Catherine and the late Willis Bain (1989) and sister to Michelle Hinkle (Steve) and Christine Bain. Fondly remembered by her many nieces, nephews, family and friends.

It was Sharon's wish for cremation and a Celebration of her Life will be announced at a later date.

For those who wish to make a donation in memory of Sharon, they can be made to the SPCA would be appreciated by the family and can be arranged through the Gordon A. Monk Funeral Home Ltd., P.O. Box 427, Minden, Ontario K0M 2K0.

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### ELLIOTT

Peacefully at Huronview Home, Clinton on Sunday July 26, 2020 Hazel G. Elliott (nee Bradford) went home to be with her Lord in her 93rd year.

Beloved wife of the late William "Bill" Elliott (2003). Loving mother of Heather (Glenn) McMichael of London, Holly (John) McDonald of Haliburton, Gail Dobie of Brussels and Laurie (Ross) Burk of Haliburton. Cherished by 12 grandchildren, Susan Pol, Shelley Glousher, Justin Dobie, James Dobie, Matthew McDonald, Laura McDonald, Lisa McDonald, Michelle McDonald, Bradford Burk, Rachel Matkin, Heidi Burk, Jessie Burk and 7 great grandchildren, Dominic Glousher, Benjamin Loughnane, Norah Loughnane, Amelia McDonald, Ian McDonald, Zaylee Burk and Maxwell Matkin. Survived by her sister Amy Bessey, sister-in-law Elizabeth Bradford and brother-in-law Jim Elliott. Missed by many nieces, nephews and cousins. Remembered by Ross Dobie. Predeceased by her brother Dr. Eric Bradford, brother-in-law Ron Bessey and 8 Elliott in-laws.

Hazel was born in Quebec and lived in many homes across Ontario. She dedicated her life to her family, her church, and horticulturalism. Her strong will to live, unwavering faith in God, and the love and prayers of family and friends kept her going these past few months as her health declined.

At Hazels request cremation has taken place. A Memorial Service will be held at Huron Chapel Missionary Church, Auburn on Wednesday August 5, 2020 at 11:00 a.m. with Pastor Ernest Dow officiating. Interment of ashes at Ball's Cemetery to follow. Due to covid pre registration is required by calling 519-482-9521. Memorial donations to the MS Society, Ethnos Canada or Parkinson Canada would be appreciated as expressions of sympathy. Arrangements entrusted to the Falconer Funeral Homes, Clinton Chapel. Live streaming link and condolences for the family may be found at [www.falconerfuneralhomes.com](http://www.falconerfuneralhomes.com)



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THE MOVIE STAR

Haliburton's own Barrie Wood talks about working in *The Music Man*.

FOR THE RECORD

The Guinness Book of World Records has told Marvella Smith to start counting.

A PROUD SON

The striking artwork of Jack Bush has led his son to organize a show in his honour.

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## Is that REALLY me?

Artist Barney Wornoff puts the finishing touches on a drawing of seven-year-old cottager Angela Lorusso at the Art in the Park event held over the weekend in Head Lake Park. For more photos, see page 12.

## Meeting the Pope

Chance encounter finds Kate Campbell face to face with the Pontiff

MARTHA PERKINS

Editor

If Kate Campbell ever gets a role that calls on her to act with shocked disbelief, she'll just have to take a deep breath, close her eyes and think back to that moment on July 27, 2002, when she came around the corner of a hallway in a Toronto convent and found herself staring straight into the eyes of Pope John Paul II.

She'll remember how time stopped, how everything else in the world instantly faded into nothingness. Nothing else mattered than sharing a few seconds of silent communion with a man who, to her, exuded a love so calm, so beautiful, that she was deeply moved.

"I saw an overwhelming strength and love," the 21-year-old actress says during a brief visit home to Soyers Lake on Sunday. "He was so sure and

See I'll never forget page 6

## Three national awards for The Echo

The Haliburton County Echo has added three more national awards to its office walls.

The Canadian Community Newspaper Association held its annual award ceremony earlier this month in Halifax and The Echo came away with a second and two third-place honours.

The Echo staff (including stories by Editor Martha Perkins and photos by reporter/photographer Darren Lum) joined forces in a submission of five stories in the Best Coverage of the Arts category for newspapers with a circulation less than 10,000.

The judge writes: "Originally, there was a tie for second place. Yorkton (SK) This Week and The Haliburton County Echo ended up with the same score and were not far behind the Sherbrooke (QC) Record (which

came first) in the final tabulation. In the end, the nod went to The Echo because it offered a clearer presentation. Both papers offered strong arts coverage. Each covered a cross-section of the community, highlighting the activities of young and old alike."

Staff reporter Cathy Olliffe came third in the competitive feature-writing category for newspapers with a circulation between 4,000 and 12,500. The award was for her story on Jeff Pinney. "Cathy Olliffe, in 'The Lowest of the Low', layered her story of a man suffering from multiple sclerosis with questions about the medicinal use of marijuana, the callousness of thieves and the judiciousness of living outside the system."

Columnist Steve Galea earned his award hatractor for 2002 with his third-place finish

in the Best National Editorial category for all newspapers with a circulation less than 10,000.

The judge says "Steve Galea takes third with a personal and alternative look at the tragedy of September 11."

Passionate from a human perspective, Galea allowed his readers to feel for themselves, rather than beating them with an emotional stick."

Earlier this year, Galea came first in the Ontario Community Newspaper Association's best humour writing category for his Echo columns. He won an honourable mention in the National Magazine Awards in the humour category as well.

The Echo would like to congratulate all of its fine writers and photographers for their contributions over the past year.



Martha Perkins



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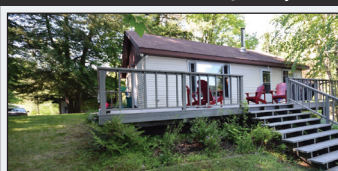
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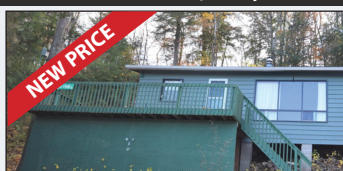
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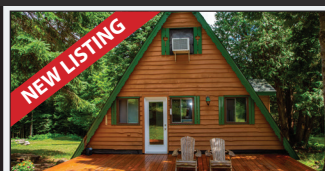
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